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SUBJ: MOROCCAN MISSION TO MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

1. SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS REPORTED JUNE 23 THAT INFOMIN (FORMER FONMIN) AHMED TAIBI BENHIMA WILL HEAD DELEGATION REPRESENTING GOM AT MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. MFA CULTURAL AFFAIRS CHIEF BOUMEHDI ALSO GOING. IN JUNE 22 DEPARTURE SPEECH, BENMIMA EXPRESSED MOROCCAN SATISFACTION AT HAVING AIDED, ABETTED AND SHELTERED MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION LEADERS FROM THE START WITHIN FRAMEWORK CREATED BY FIRST OAU MEETING IN CASABLANCA.

2. COMMENT: SENDING OF RELATIVE HEAVYWEIGHT BENHIMA IS REFLECTION OF GOM'S ACTIVE AFRICAN DIPLOMACY, WHICH SEEKS TO MAXIMIZE VBROCCO'S IMAGE AS FRIEND AND INSPIRATION TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (THOSE IT "RECOGNIZES") AND REGULARLY NOTES ITS ROLE IN PRESIDING OVER CONFERENCES HERE WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED THESE MOVEMENTS.

3. GOM ALSO HAS FONMIN LARAKI ON ROAD AS PART OF MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN MISSION TO EXPLAIN COMMON POSITION ON "LIBERATION"

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ON SAHARA TO SELECTED AFRICAN STATES. AS EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT

BENMIMA MAY WELL BE UNDERTAKING PARALLEL EFFORT WITH AFRICAN
REPRESENTATIVES GATHERING IN LOURENCO MARQUES.
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